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## Appendix A: Definitions

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### 1. Astray Freight

Shipments or portions of shipments found in a carrier's possession or delivered to a Government installation for which a valid bill, waybill, or freight bill is not available or which is being held for any reason except transfer.

### 2. Discrepancy

A transportation discrepancy is any variation between the data shown on the bill of lading or other transportation document, and the quantity, or condition of the containers, and contents actually received. This includes overages, shortages, visible damages, and concealed damages.

### 3. Freight Classification

A system of grouping together commodities of like or similar transportation characteristics for the purpose of assigning ratings to be used in applying rates.

### 4. Hazardous Materials or Dangerous Goods

Materials that are regulated by the United States Department of Transportation or other international governments because of the risks that they present while in transit in the public domain.

### 5. Household Goods

Household furnishings such as furniture or equipment, clothing, books, baggage, and personal property and effects associated with the home and person at the time of shipment or storage. The term usually does not include any of the following items:

- 5.1. Privately owned motor vehicles.
- 5.2. Motorcycles and similar motor vehicles.
- 5.3. Trailers with or without property.
- 5.4. Airplanes.
- 5.5. Mobile homes and camp trailers.
- 5.6. Boats.
- 5.7. Birds, pets, and livestock.
- 5.8. Building or construction materials.

5.9. Cordwood.

5.10. Property belonging to persons other than the head or immediate family members of a household.

5.11. Property intended for use in conducting a commercial enterprise.

## **6. Logistics**

The science of planning for, providing, and applying available resources necessary to operate and maintain a given system, or product in a specified operational environment.

## **7. Negotiated Tender**

A special tender that is offered by commercial carrier(s) in response to a request for adjustment.

## **8. Oversize and Overweight Shipments**

Nonroutine shipments of freight which require special consideration and transportation planning involving transportability factors and one or more of the following:

8.1. Special permits required for shipments scheduled to move over the open highways.

8.2. Freight exceeding the dimensions or weights prescribed in the Railway Equipment Register and Railway Line Clearance.

8.3. Cargo that must move via marine or air modes due to transit time limitations, item configuration, or environmental requirements that do not permit the use of other modes.

## **9. Test Loading**

Applies to a planned test to determine the preliminary loading, securing, and offloading methods for outsized, overweight, sensitive, or dangerous items of material aboard a military aircraft or other modes of transportation.

## **10. Traffic and Transportation Management**

Responsibilities that encompass planning direction, control, supervisory, and administrative tasks required to provide for efficient and economic movement of freight and passenger transportation service.

## **11. Transit Privilege**

The opportunity of storing or processing shipment at a transit point and subsequently reforwarding the same material or its equivalent to its destination, and receiving the benefit of the lowest rate in effect from the initial point or origin to the final destination, plus transit charges.

## **12. Transportability**

The inherent capability of material to be moved by towing or self propulsion, or by carrier via railways, highways, waterways, and airways. Transportability includes consideration of the sensitive or dangerous nature of material and equipment or those items susceptible to damage in transit.

## **13. Transportation Officer and/or Traffic Manager**

Individuals with the assigned responsibility for the direct administration and operation of all traffic management functions which include applicable offsite locations.

## **14. Transportation Planning**

The science of applying traffic management principles to programs and projects as well as the equipment and related hardware procurements.

## **15. Volume Movements**

Freight shipments amounting to or exceeding 200,000 pounds, scheduled to move from one point of origin to one point of destination, regardless of the amount of time between forwarding of the first consignment and receipt of the last consignment.

## 16. Voluntary Tender

Tenders offered by commercial carrier(s) for reasons best known to the carrier(s) and that are not in response to an adjustment request from NASA. As the term implies, a tender is offered by a commercial carrier on a voluntary basis for the purpose of soliciting Government shipments involving freight, household goods, or passengers.

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